



Minutes
Committee #3
Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic

Committee #3 met Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 4:45 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Committee Members present: Paul Olson, CW King, and Brent Ford

Council Members present: Rob Kiefer, John Monarski, Paul Nadreau, and Mayor Hoffman

Others present: Director of Public Works/City Engineer/Utilities Manager Rick Rubenzer, Assistant City Engineer Rob Krejci, Building/Zoning Inspector Paul Lasiewicz, Police Lt. Brian Micolichuk, City Clerk Bridget Givens, and those on the attached sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 pm.

1. Discuss communication received from residents in the neighborhood adjacent to Leinenkugel's Brewery addressing concerns with parking and increased traffic flow at Leinie's Lodge. Possible recommendations to Council.

Citizens residing in the neighborhood expressed their concern with the increased traffic volume at Leinenkugel's Brewery including the following:

- safety of children playing outside;
- buses running while they are parked;
- driveways, mailboxes, and fire hydrants being blocked; and
- areas where patrons are parking on both sides of the street being too narrow to allow safe passage.

Lindsey Everson, Director of the Leinie's Lodge, indicated they want to work with the neighborhood to develop solutions. She stated that she will work immediately to make sure that buses are not left running to help alleviate that concern.

Additional options were discussed relative to parking enforcement and potential solutions to the parking issues.

This item will be brought back to the Committee for additional discussion in the future.

No action taken.

2. Discuss request from Zebradog on behalf of Leinenkugel's Brewery for a variance from Chippewa Falls Municipal Code Chapter 19 relative to required sign set-backs. Possible recommendations to Council.

Eric Marty of Zebradog indicated he has been working with Leinenkugel's to develop exterior graphic modifications and way-finding signs for the facility. Inspector Lasiewicz advised that the right-of-way line in this location does not go right along the sidewalk as is typical; instead it starts roughly 15-20' from the sidewalk. Our current ordinance requires a 15' setback from the right-of-way. Inspector Lasiewicz visited the site and felt the sign location was acceptable and offered no objections to the variance.

Motion by Ford/King to recommend Council approve the variance request from Zebradog on behalf of Leinenkugel's Brewery for a variance from Chippewa Falls Municipal Code Chapter 19 relative to required sign set-backs. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

- 3. Discuss speed study in the W Elm Street neighborhood including safe routes to school recommendations, potential speed boards, and feasibility of placing a pedestrian crossing at Hilary Street and Elm Street at the walking path. Possible recommendations to Council.**

Assistant City Engineer Krejci provided an overview of the speed study recently conducted on W Elm Street. Discussion ensued on the pedestrian crossing at Hilary Street, signage, and a transitory speed limit area.

Motion by King/Ford to recommend Council approve installing a 45 mph transitory speed limit area when entering the City, installing a pedestrian crossing and signage at Hilary Street and Elm Street at the walking path, and to have the speed board placed periodically on Elm Street. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

- 4. Adjournment**

Motion by Ford/Olson to adjourn at 5:51 pm. **All present voting aye, motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by:
Paul Olson, Chair